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ENDOSCOPIC IMAGING SYSTEM MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO DETACHABLY ATTACH EXPANSION UNIT HAVING EXTERNAL

EXPANSION FACILITY AND ADD EXPANSION FACILITY FOR IMPROVING CAPABILITY OF SYSTEM

the specification of which is attached hereto, unless the following box is checked:

was filed on _____ as United States patent Application Number or PCT International patent application number _____ and was amended on _____ (if any).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or United States provisional application(s) listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign or Provisional Application(s)

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119
JAPAN	H9-197114	23/7/1997	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO _____
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